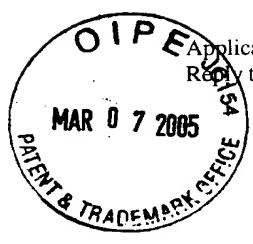


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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 23 February 2005, and to which a response is due on 23 March 2005. Please amend the Application as follows:

Amendment to Claims, starting on pg. 2;

Conclusion, on pg. 4.